

2 October 1953

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Reber**

**SUBJECT: ERS Budget**

1. I have examined the attached budget request from ERS and have talked with Kirkpatrick and [ ] about it.

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2. It is my judgment that the following functions of ERS should be continued, in this order of priority:

a. Inventory of government-sponsored research in foreign areas and psychological warfare.

b. Inventory of internal government research in the same areas (this function is not now performed by ERS).

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3. In my judgment the following functions that ERS has been attempting to handle in the last several years should be discarded completely:

a. Inventories of minor university-sponsored research.

b. Inventories of unsponsored individual research.

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c. Inventories of doctoral dissertations and masters theses.

4. In my opinion the elimination of the items mentioned in paragraphs a, b, and c above would reduce considerably the correspondence, telephone calls and personal visits that now occupy the ERS staff. Some saving in personnel and money should be effected thereby.

5. I should recommend an addition of an item for publication of inventory reports so that ERS can pay for such publications itself rather than try to get them done with our facilities.

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